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MY SECRET

All roads to me are happy roads!
I take them with a smile.
Winter roads, or spring roads,
Each mile's a happy mile.

I'm just as thankful for the snow
As for scented June.
Thankful when ice-diamonds glow,
When birds sing merry tune.

Oh, winter roads, spring roads,
Summer roads, or fall,
Because I take them smiling,
I'm happy on them all.

—Norman C. Schlichter.

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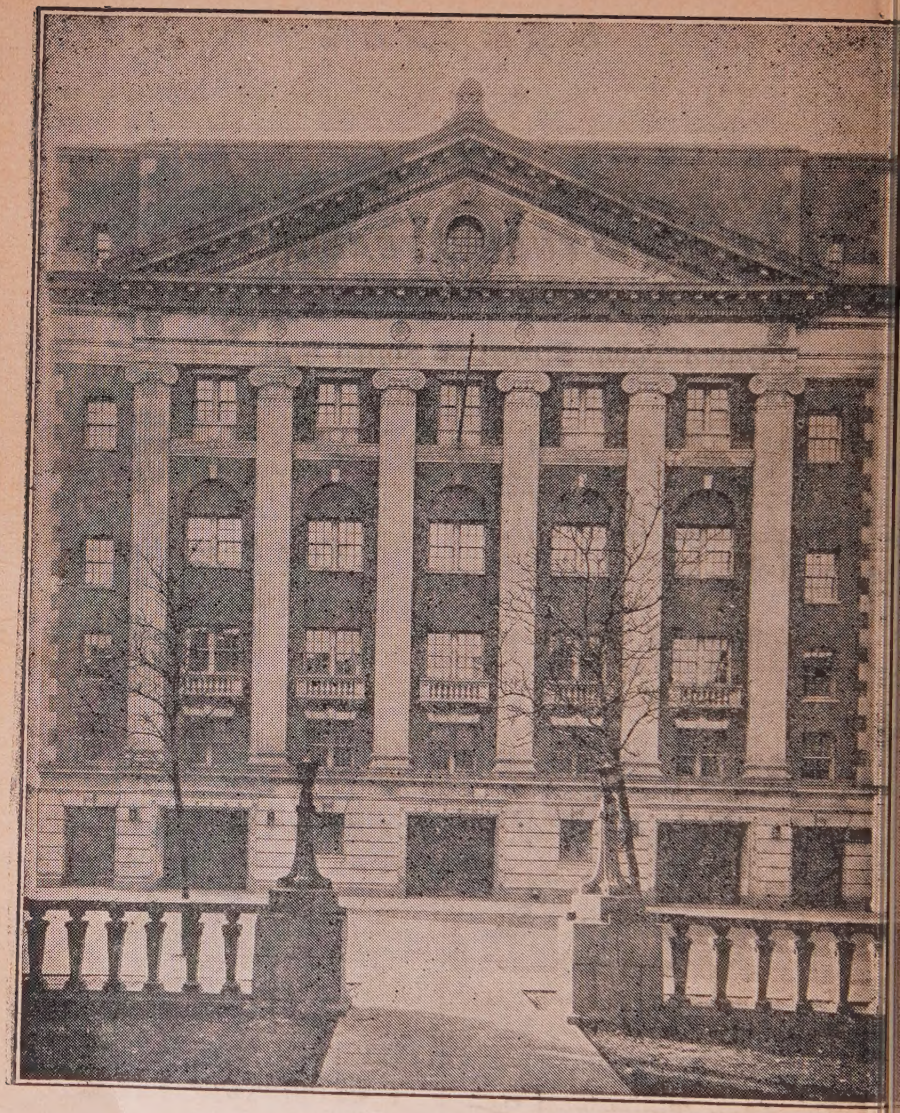

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MEDITATION

"Infinite and eternal Heart, from the very depths of our being we would try to become articulate and to approach, for we can do no more than touch the very outskirts of thy great love, and express the depths of our appreciation for our world. Its gladness is in our heart today, glad for this world, glad for the sky and the sea, for the prairie and the mountain, for the majestic river and the little brook, for the songs of birds and the loveliness of their plumage, for poetry of flowers and the music of moonlight, and O, forbid—this is our prayer—that any disturbance of our lives, or imperfection of our approach, should prevent us from the experience of a direct and beautiful relationship with this world that we love. Help us to jealously guard every stream, to protect every bit of life, to watch our out-of-doors as the custodians of the eternal, and to realize that it belongs to us all. Teach us how to cultivate that depth of appreciation and love that will enable us to see the beauty of it and the influence of it and the radiation of it. O, Lord, God of stars and trees, perhaps most of all the rest that comes when we are a part of it, for the quiet of the night when no sounds of earth intrude that men make, but only the song of the evening orchestra, where there is no crash, crush and din of life, where there is no failure and no sin, but where quietly and reverently we can bathe our souls in the beauty of the night and wash ourselves clean from the dirt of the earth.

And so today, we pause, we come in from the congestion of the mart and market place, from the competition of the office and desk and factory, from the hurly-burly of life, and in the quiet of this temple which we love and in the beauty of this relationship of friends, reverently and quietly we can feed our souls on the bread from which, when we have once partaken, hunger never comes again.

And so, from out this service to every sick room throughout the land, all who are ill and discouraged and tired, may we be able to recapture something of the beauty and influence of an uncontaminated and unpolluted out-of-doors, and may it bring strength to tired hearts, hope to fainting lives, and may we know that there is the remedy, and there is the inspiration, and wherever men and women are listening today under whatever circumstance and under whatever condition, may the spirit of the morning, the triumph of Nature, the ceaseless, unending beauty of our world speak the authentic voice and may we come nearer and closer to the divine altar set in the sacred precincts of the woods where the voice of the eternal speaks to our hearts."

"OUTDOOR-MINDED PEOPLE"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, April 22nd, 1934

"Although it may be an old story to many of you and to many of our listeners this morning, I feel that the occasion warrants and justifies a repetition of some historical facts connected with the Izaak Walton League of America. I think it cannot be told too often and cannot be outlined too frequently.

Twelve years ago, in the middle of January, a group of fifty-four men, who had been invited to assemble by one of the greatest leaders for conservation, Mr. Will H. Dilg, to meet at the old Chicago Club at a noon meeting for the purpose of discussing the status of conservation in these United States. Your speaker was, happily and fortunately present, and I consider it one of the greatest experiences that destiny has ever played me, that I should be privileged to be one of those fifty-four men. We assembled in that Club and listened to the eloquent pleadings of Mr. Dilg and also to the passionate and dramatic statements by which he brought vividly to our minds the conditions of conservation in the United States. All of us were lovers of the out-of-doors; some of us were students, in a scientific sense, of Nature; some of us were interested primarily and purely in sports of of one sort and another. There were big game hunters and little game hunters, and there were fishermen both of the salt and fresh water varieties. There were even golfers among them I think, although an explanation as to why they were there might be in order. Nevertheless, this group of men had gathered together under the inspiration of Mr. Dilg's leadership and the impact of his personality, and we were convinced after the recital of the facts by Mr. Dilg that conservation in the United States was at a pretty low ebb. Practically every conservation movement in the United States to and including that hour had entirely disintegrated under the vicious poison of selfish interests and personal conflicts or had adjusted itself to the special interests who were interested in certain aspects of the out-of-doors primarily and purely for profit and for gain, with the result that there was not upon the entire American continent an organization that had kept itself so clean and so purged from selfishness and greed that it could go before the people on a purely idealistic, altruistic platform and ask and demand that something be done to preserve the rapidly disappearing out-of-doors of our Republic. That was twelve years ago. These fifty-four men gathered there, and I see some of them in this audience this morning. The President of our Laymen's League, a member of this church, a man who never misses a sermon, Mr. Fred N. Peet, was one of those fifty-four men. Mr. Thomas Ambrose, and many others are here this morning. These fifty-four men little dreamed that we were inaugurating a movement that would capture the imagination of every authoritative voice that was interested in the preservation and in the cleaning up of our out-of-doors, but without exaggeration, that is literally what has taken place, until this past week we have just closed, on Friday night, the twelfth annual national convention of the Izaak Walton League of America, with members present from California, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon, all over the West, and with members present from Washington, D. C., New

York, Connecticut, Virginia and the eastern seaboard, with a most active delegation present from Oklahoma and Texas, and straight north until we come to the pine-fringed borderland between this country and Canada and northern Minnesota, a great conclave, not great in the point of numbers, because the Izaak Walton League of America has long since ceased to deify mere numbers, and we are not making the mistake so frequently made that bigness in itself constitutes greatness. Bigness and greatness are never synonymous terms, but we have chapters and representatives all over the United States of America, and we closed our convention this year with a great dinner in the Sherman Hotel on Friday night in which the character of our movement for conservation in America is determined by the quality of the men who identify themselves with this unselfish movement for preservation. At that dinner on Friday night we were honored by having every member of the Wild Life Restoration Commission appointed by the President of the United States. At that dinner table also was Mr. Darling, the celebrated newspaper cartoonist and who has just been appointed chairman or head of the Biological Survey of the United States. Mr. Darling is the author of the 25-year plan of conservation for the State of Iowa, and the contribution which he has made justly warrants the confidence placed in him by the President of the United States that he is in a position to lead and develop the work of the Biological Survey of this government. Associated with Mr. Beck of Connecticut on that Wild Life Commission is a man distinguished by holding the only chair of its kind in any university in this country, that of Game Management in the University of Wisconsin. Professor Leopold, who is the Professor and occupies the chair of Game Management in that University, is the third member of that Commission. We were privileged by being spoken to by that distinguished surgeon of New York City, Doctor Osler. If there are any surgeons in the congregation this morning he will be known to them, for he is one of the great surgeons of the University in New York, Professor of Surgery at Columbia University. At our dinner he gave a beautiful lecture on the Everglades of Florida and what it will mean to preserve the tip of Florida for the recreation of American life. I could go on and mention others, but the only reason I have taken up the time to say as much as I have expressed about the Izaak Walton League is because I have had to face, and some of my colleagues in the League have also, a misinformed attitude on the part of the public that the Izaak Walton League was only a group of fishermen and hunters who are desirous of preserving their own sport.

I am a fisherman. No one loves the unblemished sport of angling more than myself. I think that it is the very highest expression of sportsmanship. I love it, and the only thing that I am trying to do now is to keep going until the middle of June so that I can get where there is some fishing. I am saying it gladly and without any apology and I am saying it in the pulpit and on the air. There are people who love to hunt. I do not hunt, I have never killed an animal in my life, and I don't propose to kill anything. I am not a hunter, but I am a fisherman, and yet I have said what I said about our League because if any little voice or contribution that I can make to disabuse in your mind an erroneous attitude toward the work of this league, I am very glad to do it. The Izaak Walton League was not primarily designed to preserve fishing and hunting. We are not interested purely in the preservation of sportsmanship in America, only to the extent that we readily recog-

nize that between the way in which individuals spend their leisure time and their contribution as a character to society and to civilization there is a very direct connection, and because we feel that the hour is about to arrive in the life of our country whereby all of our people are to have more leisure time than we have ever had in the history of the world, for there will be increasingly a lessening of hours necessary to work in order to meet the demand of our economic and industrial life. Man will have more time to spend in some other way than getting a living than he has ever had in all the history of the world. That time is about to arrive. I look for it in the not distant future that four working days of five hours a day, twenty hours a week, will be all that will be required of any of us whatever avenue we are existing ourselves in the field of production, necessary to maintain an economic balance of guaranteeing a certain amount of prosperity to the American people.

But what is the real test then that is before us as a people? The test is what are we going to do with this time? When I say to you, and I say it gladly and I think I write correctly, that it is not so much a man's work, what he does, that determines his value to society or to himself as it is what he does outside of his work. In other words, what we do with our leisure time is a contributing factor both to what we give to society and what we become ourselves as individual identities. A man's work does not color his character to the extent that his play does, and unless a man's play, the thing that he does under relaxation when he is trying to find rest and recuperating expenditures of strength and energy and vitality, that is the thing that will be of increasing importance to the future security of our moral and spiritual character as a people. What is taking place in the United States of America and is taking place in some other places is so disastrously opposed to the opportunity of re-creation,—for that is exactly what recreation is,—an honest contact with the out-of-doors is re-creative—that's what recreation means! When individuals spend their recreation in a way that does not re-create their value to human society they are wasting the precious potentiality of human life!

And now, ladies and gentlemen, the justification for the Izaak Walton League is to be found in the fact that almost to a man—and a woman, because we have both men and women members—almost to an individual, this League is aware of what I have just uttered as being a great truth. When we look out upon America with its out-of-doors no one ever realized that we would ever lose any of it, only to see how interests and certain great organizations and powerful institutions of finance were robbing us of our streams, and that the long arteries where flow the pure waters, through its veins and arteries are being poured into the streams of America, human waste and filth that has killed every living thing in those streams, and ultimately reacts to the great danger of our health and well being. I could tell you incidents of stream pollution that would nauseate you, of the utter neglect of ourselves in this important matter.

We look out and we see great scenic stretches of natural beauty being multilated by greed. Just look today in our city along some of our streets at these beautiful trees, the glorious elms that have been 25 to 50 years decorating with aesthetic distinction the beauty of a city's streets, and now, in the name of what? The damnable god of speed, in order to make our highways speedways for a lot of maniacs to get somewhere as fast as they can with nothing to do after they get there and of

no importance to themselves and society, but that our streets can now be mutilated in the name of widening! I stood yesterday afternoon, as I returned from the cemetery where I stood beside my friend and saw the grave swallow up one of the finest artists and one of the greatest out-of-doors leaders and naturalists, Mr. Alfred Jorgens, painter and poet, and when I saw Alfred Jorgens buried there under an avalanche of flowers that he loved, even though it was death, I said: 'Here's a man who has created beauty and anyone who creates beauty is immortal. I don't care whether he is Catholic, Jewish, atheist or Protestant, he who creates beauty is immortal and death cannot touch him.' Then, coming back from the cemetery, on the highway I saw Sheridan Road, that I have known and loved for 25 years, with trees that meet over my head, bringing the coolness in midsummer heat, with one of the few places where the poor and the little children of the poor, could have an opportunity to get all they could of Nature's beauty out of the trees. To-day, while I speak, the wreck and the tragedy is along the highway where man destroys in 5 minutes what God was 50 years creating, in the name of progress and of god of speed, while we can substitute in its place more concrete! Well, I hate that as well, MORE CONCRETE, in order to facilitate our going somewhere so fast that while we go we don't want to see anything on the way! With the result that the fine things in the background —I am stirred up about this as you will notice, on the subject of the mutilation of trees—but what is happening here is happening all over the country. I could tell you the story of the Canadian borderline, how special interests wanted to raise in some places 11 to 18 feet the border waters between Canada and the United States and destroy one of the most beautiful fresh water lakes to be found anywhere in the world. I know the lakes of Scotland, England and Italy, and there is no more lovely body of fresh water than that of Lake La Croix, and those beautiful virgin pine covered islands found in our northern lake country! What did they want to do? Rob and destroy, in the name of profit and greed, and the Izaak Walton League, under the inspiration of our fine organization and its members everywhere, went to Washington and introduced the Newton-Shipstead Bill, and then arrayed against us was every commerical interest in the United States, and we were attacked and criticised from every quarter, saying that we were impeding progress, stopping legitimate industry! We went to the capitol in Washington and we put behind that fight the resources of the American people, and what did we do? We won! The Newton-Shipstead Bill became a law. But not only did we have to win it in Washington, but we also had to win it in the Canadian Parliament, and we had to go to Canada, and Canada, which is a conservation-minded country, as few countries are, Canada put the resources of all true conservation behind the fight and we whipped them in Washington. And the Izaak Walton League has made fight after fight of this character for the American people.

One of the most stupendous achievements in the work of the League was the setting aside of 300 miles in the Mississippi River valley for a wild life game refuge for all time! Three hundred miles is a habitat for wild game life, one of the few spots in America, for the fast and rapidly disappearing wild life of our American continent. For what? Hunters and fishermen? Don't get that narrow idea of mere sportsmanship! Don't you ever get that idea! Something else, deeper and more involved! I would never have per-

mitted the Izaak Walton League in convention this year to name me its president, after three years, and I have accepted for another year, except for one thing, not because I am interested in sports, not merely because I love the out-of-doors, none of them, but it is because I feel, in the very depths of my being, a fundamental truth, and that is this: Civilization was born on the banks of rivers under the protection of trees, and civilization will meet its test in the cities! Listen: 85 per cent of every arrest made in the United States during the past year was made on young people under 24. No nation can stand up under that! You may develop a technique of government that will be so perfect that you can even eliminate poverty. You may develop an administration of business and industry that will be so perfect that a depression will never be another possibility. You can do all these, but hear me, what's the oldest verdict of history? The oldest verdict of history is that it is not wealth, and it is not business, and it is not dollars, and it is not railroads, and it is not banks, it is not factories that make a nation great, but it is CHARACTER, and one thing that American conservation does is to guard against moral bankruptcy! The congested areas of our cities today have become festering sores and cancers of immorality and decay that is rotting out the heart and life, and because it is, if we permit the out-of-doors to go, the re-creational character of an unpolluted and uncontaminated out-of-doors will be lost as a vital influence in preserving our nation and preserving our people. That's conservation, ladies and gentlemen! That's what the Izaak Walton League stands for! That's your challenge!

Just a few days before he died, at a banquet, I sat beside Judge Victor Arnold, who gave so much of his life to the well-being of our city, and he turned to me, after I had finished my address, and said: 'It might interest you to know that in all the years that I have been on the Juvenile Bench in the City of Chicago, there has never been a boy before me in the uniform of a Boy Scout.' There never had been a boy who wore the uniform of the Boy Scouts in his court in the City of Chicago, and I said: 'What does that mean?' He said to me: 'It means this, that you give a boy or a girl an opportunity to know the ways of the woods, the birds, the wild life, to teach them the unblemished sport of angling—as I always refer to angling—when you give a boy an opportunity for clean streams and woodland trails, you are giving that boy a fortification against a moral and physical tragedy that may come into his life. Get into the background of criminals and you will find that true in 90 per cent of the cases. Read the history of that boy confined today in the county jail for a vicious crime, get his background, find out where he plays. He had nothing but a city street and an alley, and it is true proof of what I am just saying when I call your attention to the fact that the statistics of the City of Chicago show that when playgrounds —now you listen, some of you taxpayers who groan and grumble, and most of it is justified I will admit,—but just listen to this and you will see what I mean by conservation. You may think that outdoor-minded people were only people interested in a selfish sportsmanship, this cause to me is a religion. Some people say that the religion of the out-of-doors is the only religion that I have. That is perfectly all right, it is good enough for me. I don't worry at all about going back to Mother Earth, not at all. I love my world with all my heart and soul. I love it so much that I am not going to let profiteers and

racketeers and exploiters and "chisellers" ruin America's out-of-doors! There is something else in America besides dollars, and when you talk about taxes, you tax payers just listen to this and stop grumbling. The statistics in the City of Chicago show, and I think they can be duplicated in any other city in the United States, that after we built playgrounds in congested areas for our poor children, crime and juvenile delinquency in the area served by the playground decreased 62%! What do you think about that for taxes? A playground in the city's poor district decreased crime for juveniles 62%! That made me want to build a play park in every block in the city because I believe that prevention is a greater thing than punishment. Prevention rather than killing a boy after a crime has been committed when society itself is a party to the crime. A criminal is not alone, we are sharers of the crime as well!

When I see one of the most interesting personalities that ever existed in the world of the out-of-doors, Luther Burbank, who picked up that little, wild, shrivelled, bitter tasteless plum, and by the alchemy of his genius, increased it four and five fold and wove into its shreds the sweetness of honey! When I think how he took the small bitter Arizona potato and gave it the dignity, taste and strength of the Idaho! When I see how he followed the niceties of moral and spiritual law in his achievements, what does he teach you and what does he teach me? One of the things is that ignominious weeds that grow, with love and care and a new foundation, can be developed into a beautiful thing that is only comparable to the loveliness of the water lily and the spiritual personality of an orchid, and that you can take a shrivelled soul and a saddened heart, tired of city streets, tired of the crash and the clatter, tired of the veneers, tired of the cheap, tired of the false and the shoddy, tired of the untrue and unfaithful, seeking relaxation in that which steals your brain and kills your conscience, dope, with the artificiality of life, lust, music, stench, filth! That's the city, and we of the Izaak Walton League are trying to save the out-of-doors, the Fox River, the Illinois River, the Cumberland Falls, the Yosemite and the National Parks. And why? That our people, when they are fed up and all through with the curse that comes from being indoor-minded, will have a place in which they can rebuild their bodies and recreate their souls in the cleanliness and strength of the out-of-door."

OF INTEREST

One of the most historic churches in Chicago is Unity Unitarian Church. It has had two Notable ministries—that of Robert Collyer and Fred V. Hawley. Before the fire and after Dr. Collyer was the outstanding liberal minister in the middle west. After the church was destroyed in the Chicago fire it was rebuilt by Dr. Collyer on Washington Square near the Newberry Library. The building is now used by the Consistory. Dr. Collyer was the first President of the Chicago Literary Club. In tribute to his work the Club asked Preston Bradley to read a paper, March 4th, at the Club Meeting on "The Life and Chicago Ministry of Dr. Collyer." Fred V. Hawley, beloved by all who knew him, succeeded to a very effective ministry of twenty years. The present minister, Rev. John R. Heyworth is maintaining the great tradition of the church with a ministry of distinction. The fellowship between the minister of the Peoples Church and Unity church is very close. On the evening of May 9th Preston Bradley was invited to give the

address for the closing dinner of Unity Church which was largely attended. The congregation of the Peoples Church greets the members of Unity Church!

Every pastor desires to share with his people any recognition of his work which comes his way. This attitude has always characterized the spirit of the pastor of the Peoples Church. No honor can come to the pastor which is not directly an honor to the church and every member. One of the finest scholastic honors ever to come to our pastor was the invitation from the University of Indiana at Bloomington to be the Phi Beta Kappa Orator this year. Dr. Bradley gave the oration in Alumni Hall at the university before a representative group of the faculty and student body on the evening of May 15th, taking as his subject, "Education in the New Era."

Memorial Sunday is always observed in our church in an impressive manner. There is never any attempt made to glorify war—quite the contrary. This year the sermon subject was, "The Patriotism of Peace" which was reverently received by a large congregation. In other years the church has had as hosts as many as 200 veterans of the Civil War but the passing of the years has taken its toll. This year only ONE G. A. R. veteran was present and he is in his 90th year. Capt. Cummings who has read the Gettysburg Address for 20 Memorial Sundays in the church could not be present this year. He is confined to his home and never leaves the house. This year Dr. Bradley invited one of the most faithful members of our church to share the pulpit with him and read the celebrated address. Mr. Rollin B. Organ read the address with the clarity and spirit of a much younger man. Mr. Organ served in the U. S. Navy during the Civil War. Altho Mr. Organ lives on the south side in Chicago there is never a Sunday morning all winter long when he is not in his accustomed seat at the church services. He is a student of affairs as well as a biologist of considerable reputation. The church and pastor hope that he will be present for many more Memorial services. Lakeview Post, Bell Telephone Co. Post and Albany Park Post of the American Legion, Dr. Williams, Commander of the Sixth District, Major George F. Lee and a group of Over Seas Nurses attended the services in a body. It was a most impressive moment as the Bugle Corps of the Bell Telephone Post came to the platform and sounded taps. Would that "Taps" could be sounded on War.

The students of the Meadville Theological School, designate to the faculty a list of speakers they desire to hear in a series of informal dinner conferences during the academic year. On the evening of May 18th, the group invited Preston Bradley as their guest and speaker. A most enjoyable evening was passed. After dinner Dr. Bradley spoke for an hour on the liberal ministry and its problems followed by a question period which lasted for another hour and a half. Dr. Hutcheon of the faculty presided. The student body is composed of young men looking toward the liberal ministry and come from widely separated parts of the world. Dr. Snow, who has been in our pulpit on several occasions and is spending his Sabbatical year visiting the liberal religious centers and churches of Europe and Great Britain, is the distinguished president of the school.

For the fifth time Dr. Bradley was the speaker at the annual Memorial services held at the lot of Columbia Post G. A. R. in Forest Home Cemetery. Only two members of this very large post

are now alive and only one of them was able to be present. There were originally 150 members and in years past won several awards and prizes in competitive events.

With the exception of the times when he is out of the country, Dr. Bradley has given the Fourth of July address at Tower, Minnesota, for many years. He has been invited again this year by the Citizens Committee of Tower. Several miles from Tower on beautiful Lake Vermilion our pastor has his summer abode. The celebration put on by this little city of hardly 2000 people is one that many a larger place might emulate. Summer residents from the lake and towns people all unite for a gala day. The Chippewa Indians who still live around the lake come in their birch bark canoes and hold a very interesting and picturesque pow wow. Dr. Bradley is speaking this year on the subject "1776 speaks to 1934."

A great many Finnish people have their homes in the vicinity of Lake Vermilion at Tower, Minnesota. Among them are a large group of Liberals. At Virginia, Minnesota, there is a Finnish Unitarian Church presided over by a brilliant woman preacher and lecturer, the Rev. Milma Lappala. Every summer they hold an annual picnic on Lake Vermilion. The picnic this year will be held on July 1st, and our pastor has been invited to give the address.

The summer plans of the preacher's family have not at this writing (June 20th) been definitely determined. The International Congress of Liberal Religion is held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on August 15th. Every effort is being made to attend this conference stopping off in England, Ireland and possibly other countries on the trip. Dr. Bradley attended the last meeting of this congress when it met in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

After a long period of unprecedented heat and drouth, the weather man was kind on the closing Sunday of church. It was a perfect June day of which the poet sings. The congregation was the largest which has attended a closing service in years. The subject of the sermon was "My 22 Year Struggle For Tolerance." It was largely autobiographical in character and was listened too with great interest. The closing moments were unusually impressive and will never be forgotten. With this service Dr. Bradley completes 22 years as the pastor of the church. Very feelingly he expressed his appreciation to the radio, members, the ushers, the choir, the church officials, and all who have assisted in making this year the great success which it has been. The congregation sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" for the closing hymn. After the service Dr. Bradley stood for nearly an hour and a half at the foot of the Vestry stairs saying "Good by." All during these difficult times the church has steadily and courageously gone forward.

We would be glad to hear from our radio friends during the summer holiday. All mail sent to the church will be immediately forwarded where ever we might happen to be. During hard work of the winter months the radio mail is a constant inspiration.

G. T. B.

Fit me for life again, O patient Artist.
Paint on my tired soul glad, vivid things.
Splash now upon its dullness beauty's pigments,
Lovely as pansies and a bluebird's wings.

—Violet Alleyn Storey.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Probably no day of the Club calendar is more thoroughly enjoyed than the annual Birthday Party, when every club member celebrates her own birthday with her club friends. It is an altogether lovely and festive occasion.

There is a table for every month of the year, each table having two chairmen or hostesses who decorate the table appropriately for the month, provide birthday cake, and preside at the luncheon. These tables were beautiful to behold, proving much thought and artistic ability on the part of the chairmen.

A friendly spirit of rivalry added zest to the plans, as a prize was awarded the most beautiful table. A committee of five judges found it a bit difficult with so many inspiring tables. The prize—a silver sugar and creamer set—was presented to Mrs. E. Nolte, April's hostess—This table was one of exquisite daintiness, in light green and white. The luncheon cloth of lace and embroidery over green, giving the color note, sprays of Lily-of-the-valley in white and green paper cups were the dainty place favors, and sprays of dog-wood in a silver bowl formed the center piece. Other accessories were in keeping.

It was nice to be an April child and have your birthday luncheon at such a lovely table!

However all were so attractive that each one was quite satisfied with her own month. Mrs. Logeman, the Social Chairman served a delicious luncheon. Part of the afternoon's entertainment consisted of a guessing contest. Club members brought photographs of themselves taken "way back when." These were numbered and everyone given pencil and paper with which to list their best guess as to "who was who." The one having the largest number correct received a prize. This was given to Mrs. Bradley.

The Birthday Party marks the end of the club season. And a very enjoyable and fitting ending it is to close a splendid and successful year.

As the years roll by we realize more and more how our lives are enriched by the association of our club fellowship. How loyally and sincerely we all should work to increase our membership so that others may know and enjoy the beauty of such friendship.

And now as we follow our various paths for the summer may each one find rest— change—pleasant recreation — enjoyment, whether it be days spent in the woods—a lake ride, a visit to the country—the World's Fair—or vacations farther afield—anything different from the usual daily round is re-creative and inspiring.

May each one find something during their summer experiences that will be interesting to tell at club early in the fall.

G. T. B.

GOOD NEWS FOR SEAT HOLDERS

The Peoples Church of Chicago has always offered to those who find it inconvenient or impossible to arrive at the morning services early, the opportunity of reserving their seats until the beginning of the Processional. Ever since we have had our own auditorium this price has been twenty-five dollars for the entire season. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees it was unanamously voted to decrease this amount to ten dollars for the season payable at the convenience of the seat holder. This arrangement is to go in to effect at once. It has never been the policy or the desire of the church to sell seats on such a scale as to make it difficult for those who could not afford purchasing them to secure favorable sitting at the morning services. The plan is offered as a convenience to those who find early attendance impos-

sible. The secretary, Mrs. Harrison, Peoples Church office, 941 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, will be glad to receive your request for seat reservations. Agreeable terms may be arranged concerning the time of payment. Seats may be selected from the seat plat in the church office. Seats so reserved will be held until the beginning of the Processional by the Choir. By making a reservation you are sure of a seat no matter how large the congregation. The annual cost is very low and the "easy payment" plan will not work a hardship on anyone. Kindly make your reservations as early as possible either by writing or calling at the church office which will be open during business hours all during the summer interval.

"YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS? PLEASE"

One of the most difficult tasks which confronts the church office is to keep our filing system of addresses up to date. May first and October first to many Chicagoans and others means "moving time." It is not infrequent that some member of the church or radio listener will ask, "Why didn't I receive the church letter or some other communication from the church office?" On inquiry it would be established that the church had never been notified of a change in address. On a list which includes nearly 7000 names the postage item is considerable. We are asking your wholehearted co-operation in advising the church office of your correct address. If you did not receive a letter from the pastor in the month of June will you kindly write or phone the church office and make sure that it has your proper address? This action on your part will be grealty appreciated by the pastor and the office. Our list is a very valuable one. The church prizes it highly and always considers it strictly confidential. Several overtures have been made in the past to secure a copy of our mailing list. All such are immediately refused. The list is the property of the church and will never be used except for legitimate church purposes. Please help us bring it up to date at once. For the number of names on our membership list and radio list we have a fairly accurate file but we desire it to be nearer perfect. Will you attend to this right now while it is in your mind? Thank you!

PASTOR'S CALENDAR

Preston Bradley made the following engagements during the month of May:

1—Industrial Club. Ludington, Mich.
2—Ludington, Mich.
3—Ludington, Mich.
4—Ludington, Mich.
6—Sermon, Peoples Church
6—Address, Chicago Anthropological Society
7—Address, Republic Lodge of Masons
9—Address, Unity Church
10—Address, Purchasing Agents dinner
13—Sermon, Peoples Church
13—Sermon, Unitarian Society, South Bend, Ind.
14—Board Meeting, Peoples Church
14—Board Meeting, Chicago Public Library
15—Address, Huntington, Ind.
16—Phi Beta Kappa Address, University of Ind.
18—Address, Meadville Theological School
19—Address, British-American Empire Society
20—Sermon, Peoples Church
21—Tower, Minn.
22—Tower, Minn.
23—Tower, Minn.
24—Tower, Minn.
25—Enroute
26—Opening, Century of Progress Chicago
27—Sermon, Peoples Church

27—Address, Columbia Post G. A. R. Forest Home Cemetery
27—Sermon, Warren Avenue Congregational church
30—Memorial Day Address, Milwaukee, Wis.
31—Commencement Address, Oblong, Ill.

RADIO ROUND TABLE TALKS

The church office has received many requests for printed copies of the Radio Round Table Talks which Dr. Bradley gave for two winters. The talks which received the largest number of requests have been printed in an attractive booklet and will be sent to any address anywhere for twenty-five cents. They are very substantially bound in blue paper covers and wrapped in celophane. The book contains thirteen of the talks just as they were delivered during the season. The subjects of the addresses are, Confidence and the Future, Why I love Chicago, The Meaning of Life, Education, Thinking, Youth, Abraham Lincoln, Conservation, What Christmas Means to the World Today, Genius in America, The Great American Problem, and Benjamin Franklin. Kindly place your order through the church office, 941 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago. The Round Table will return to the air in early winter for another series of twenty-six addresses. Detailed announcements will be made later. The booklet makes a very convenient way to preserve the talks or pass them on to distant friends who did not hear them.

FUNERALS

7—Mrs. Maria Brossman Hermsdorf, Interment Rosehill
28—Louis L. Yager, Interment, Oakwoods
29—John Murray, Interment, Rosehill
29—Mrs. Charlotte Hunt, Interment, Minneapolis.

WEDDINGS

5—Charles Rau and Mae De Sousa
6—Arthur L. Morton and Ruth Lamareaux
13—Edward C. Brown and Alma S. Janhinen
17—Jay D. Smith and Lillian Alice Green
19—Raymond B. Freeman and Eleanor Knaus
29—George Wright and Edna Salomon.

A MILE WITH ME

Oh, who will walk a mile with me
Along life's merry way?
A comrade blithe and full of glee,
Who dares to laugh out loud and free,
And let his frolic fancy play,
Like a happy child, through the flowers gay
That fill the field and fringe the way,
Where he walks a mile with me.

And who will walk a mile with me
Along life's weary way?
A friend whose heart has eyes to see
The stars shine o'er the darkening lea,
And the quiet rest at the end o' the day;
A friend who knows and dares to say,
The brave, sweet words that cheer the way
When he walks a mile with me.

With such a comrade, such a friend,
I fain would walk till journey's end,
Through summer sunshine, winter rain,
And then—farewell, we shall meet again!

—Henry van Dyke.

The good life is a life inspired by love and guided by knowledge.
—Bertrand Russell.

FATHER

I wonder in all that is written and told
Of the wonderful love of a mother,
Why the fatherly heart is left out in the cold,
When each is but part of the other.

Perchance, if the children could only be heard,
Full many a lassie and laddie
Would tell us a story whose emphasized word
Stands out in the loving "Dear Daddy."

—Clara Griffith Gazzam.

For some years, Children's Day and Mother's Day have been celebrated, but Father was neglected. Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington, has the distinction of originating Father's Day, which has extended to all parts of America, Canada, Mexico, and Hawaii. The occasion is celebrated each year in June. This year it falls on June 10th. It is customary that a red rose be worn in honor of living fathers, and a white rose in memory of those who have passed away.

It makes no difference, in looking back five years, how you have dieted or dressed; whether you have been lodged in the first floor or the attic; whether you have had gardens and baths, good cattle and horses, have been carried in a neat equipage or in a ridiculous truck: these things are forgotten so quickly, and leave no effect. But it counts much whether you have good companions in that time.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

SEATS

Seats may be reserved for the season for the morning service by calling Mrs. Harrison at the Church office, Longbeach 6878. The price is twenty-five dollars for the season. Payments can be arranged to meet the convenience of the seat-holder. 1000 seats are not offered for reservation, but are always held to be used by those not seat-holders. Reserved seats are held Sunday mornings until 10:55. You will materially assist the church by making your reservations now.

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